

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the present application.

Claims 1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (New) A substantially purified nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence capable of reducing expression levels in a plant or plant cell, wherein said nucleic acid sequence exhibits between 100% and 90% sequence identity to a second nucleic acid molecule having a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of a complete sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 and a complement thereof.

20. (New) The substantially purified nucleic acid molecule of claim 19, wherein said nucleic acid sequence exhibits between 100% and 95% sequence identity to a second nucleic acid molecule having a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of a complete sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 and a complement thereof.

21. (New) The substantially purified nucleic acid molecule of claim 20, wherein said nucleic acid sequence exhibits between 100% and 98% sequence identity to a second nucleic acid molecule having a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of a complete sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 and a complement thereof.

22. (New) The substantially purified nucleic acid molecule of claim 21, wherein said nucleic acid sequence exhibits between 100% and 99% sequence identity to a second

nucleic acid molecule having a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of a complete sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 and a complement thereof.

23. (New) The substantially purified nucleic acid molecule of claim 22, wherein said nucleic acid sequence exhibits 100% sequence identity to a second nucleic acid molecule having a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of a complete sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 and a complement thereof.